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Caraballo seeks increased auto insurance access in urban areas

NEWARK—Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo joined advocates representing New Jersey's urban auto insurance agencies calling for change to correct inequities preventing urban residents from acquiring car insurance coverage. Insurance companies in the state are required to "take all comers." This means that an insurer or an agent must, regardless of an auto policy to any driver. Over the past three years, insurance companies have persistently circumvented the "take all comers" provision by firing agents who do business in urban districts.

Because of African Americans, prison industry proves profitable

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The prison industry may be a double edged sword for African-American communities who want safety and employment but who's primary concern is Black men and women. The correctional industrial complex is a series of laws, policies and practices in the criminal justice system that "take young Black men off the street for the swelling network," said Jay Davidson, of the Wall Street Journal. In the two years between 1985 and 1995 the number of African Americans incarcerated nearly doubled.

Sex offenders must register in two New Jersey areas

PASSAIC-BERGEN COUNTIES—Sex offenders who fail to register with local police as required by Megan Law law indictments and re-arrest. "If they found out they're subject to arrest, it could be an incentive, Richard Wolk, deputy police chief of Passaic said. This is a case where the goal of this activity is not to take people to trial, but to get them to comply with the law and catch those who attempt to evade the registration system.

Young Women's Leadership School will not admit boys

NEW YORK, NY—School Chancellor Rudy Crew has ruled that boys will not attend an experimental girls' school in Harlem. Federal education officials tentatively concluded that the Young Women's Leadership School violated discrimination laws by not admitting boys. This is a case where the goal of this activity is not to take people to trial, but to get them to comply with the law and catch those who attempt to evade the registration system.

Witness to murder by off-duty cop was told to keep quiet

WHITE PLAINS, NY—A witness to the murder of a man by an off-duty police officer claims that he was told to "just get out of here, you didn't see anything." The witness, Marianne Wekerle, said the statement was made by the officer who shot the man. She was in the car with the man who was shot. The officer, Charles Campbell, an African-American, was killed when his son, a police officer, shot him. Wekerle said that he attempts to obtain help for Campbell were ignored by another delinquent witness.

Father and six-year-old son strip searched

Financial consultant sues Hackensack store for false arrest

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By G. mator

HACKENSACK—A nine-count lawsuit against Bloomington's department store was filed in the case of a 6-year-old son and his six-year-old son who were subjected to a strip search in the store's Riverside Square location.

The allegations filed in Court papers last Wednesday in Hackensack includes claims that the store failed to properly hire and train security personnel, false imprisonment, violation of state laws on discrimination and privacy, and assault and battery.

The lawsuit stems from an incident on February 10, 1986, where Lloyd Morrison, who works as a financial consultant in Manhattan, had taken his son clothes shopping. Morrison, who is African-American, was approached by four security guards as he went to the cashier to purchase two suits for his son. The guards accused Morrison of trying to steal a pair of pants he helped his son try on in the store's dressing room.

The guards asked him to follow them to a questioning room. When Morrison did not immediately comply, they told him he would be handcuffed if he did not accompany them willingly. During the interrogation, which included the strip search, it is alleged that the officers waved handcuffs in Morrison's face and attempted to extract a confession saying he was attempting to steal the clothes. They also ordered him to take down the pants of his son during the search.

The Morrison's were eventually released after the strip search, and providing personal identification. Morrison said that while in the store, he paid a total of \$430 for the two suits previously selected.

The assistant to a spokesperson at the New York Bloomington headquarters said the store would not comment pending litigation, however Morrison's legal counsel, Nulty civil rights attorney Jeffrey Fogel, is concerned about the treatment of minorities in these situations, and looking for others who have experienced similar situations at this Bloomington location.

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Sec. Cuomo, Rev. Jackson urge reinvestment in public housing

By Chris Straussberg
Special to the NPPA from the Chicago Defender

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Andrew Cuomo has joined the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. in supporting the transformation of public housing from institutions to communities.

Cuomo said public housing "was a good idea gone bad" and added, during a radio broadcast that "in some cases was poorly implemented."

He said it was "too big, too dense, too concentrated, too isolated and didn't provide people with the services they needed. We want to transform public housing."

In outlining HUD's commitment to re-energizing America's public housing, Cuomo said that residents must assume some responsibility in thinking their "way out of poverty."

He added that people will be empowered to do that with HUD as a partner in urban development with a focus on allowing residents to "shape their own lives, their own destinies."

In outlining remedies to the current public housing situation, Cuomo did suggest that home ownership will not be for everyone "right off the bat." Instead, he said that the key to transforming the situation is education and jobs. Cuomo and Jackson did agree that progress will not happen if the press continues to paint public housing in a negative light.

The media must be a factor in ending the stereotypes about public housing, Jackson told reporters. A product of public housing himself, Jackson continued to say that while the federal government is taking a step up for some families, "these shackles must now be broken."

While Jackson did admit that it will take some time to effect change, he said that jobs must be the cornerstone of the transformation. "Welfare-to-work requires an infrastructure, job training, daycare, transportation and a job. That's part of the mix in this move towards affordable housing."

He said he wanted to achieve this through the use of public housing. "Once we break these stereotypes, we can use our political leverage and our votes for reinvestment," Jackson said. The concept of public housing, he continued, "didn't come from heaven. It came up from hell."

And over the last 10 years, he declared, the government has failed to invest in America's poor working families or adequately address the social conditions that allow the total disintegration of the public housing system, creating havens for delinquency and crime. Instead, the government has responded by building more prisons. "Half of all public housing built have been jail cells. There must be a redirection of our energies," he urged.

"You either educate your youth on the front side, provide jobs for their parents and affordable housing, or you jail as reactionary institutions," Jackson said.

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KidCare to help uninsured children

Governor Christie Whitman announced the first phase of the New Jersey KidCare initiative in keeping with her commitment to extend health insurance coverage to all New Jersey children by the year 2001. The initial phase of the program will provide health insurance coverage for 102,000 children from low-income families who presently do not have insurance coverage.

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Niece of King speaks at pro-life conference

SOMERSET—The New Jersey Committee for Life played host to a conference Sept. 20 at featured as its luncheon speaker the niece of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The address at the Denville Hotel was seen as an opportunity to bridge the gap between the black and white community in regards to the abortion.

"We want to work with everybody who wants to bridge that gap, and everyone with the understanding that we're really one community," said Alveda Celeste King, founder and chairman of King for America, Inc., a faith-based civil rights organization in Atlanta. "It's got out there, and we're beginning to talk about civil rights was we have to bring everybody to the same level of humanity, but once (we realize) we're thinking about having a human beings then we can work out those differences."

King, who was also Georgia State Representative from 1978-1980, addressed the assembled crowd that she wanted to encourage them to continue speaking out and speaking for the pro-life position.

"When I go forth, it's really newly with anger and hostility, because I know anybody who would kill their baby is confused," she said. "I say, 'Now wait a minute. This baby had a right to life, but you have a right to another kind of life and there is an alternative.'"

"Many times, males and females, girls and boys, have come and knocked on my door at my office and say Ms. King, 'I was thinking about having an abortion, but after what you said, I don't think I want to do it.'"

Reverend King also spoke to religious but traditionally conservative organizations long thought of as hostile territory to African-Americans, such as the Southern Baptist Convention, a coalition that formed the boycott against Disney in protest of the work benefits the company gives to same-sex couples.

At the Christian Coalition conference in Washington, D.C. three weekends ago, Reverend King said she was glad that when her name brings questions as to what position her more famous uncle would take in this day. Although Martin Luther King Jr. never wrote or spoke about issues such as abortion or homosexuality, Ms. King says that his faith in God would speak to what she said.

Ms. King's address was well received by the audience, which included Rich Puzallo, candidate for governor on the Conservative Party ticket. Puzallo said that his party has been working for years to tear down the wall between communities and welcomed the address by Ms. King.

"The walls are coming up for the same reason that people don't know who their neighbors are," she said. "People are getting so involved with being into themselves. They're not taking the time getting to know the other people in their community. If we would just get to know each other, we would realize we all have the same problems, the same hopes, the same dreams for our kids."

"The NJ Committee for Life has worked in the past with African-American pro-life organizations and has even invited Alan Keyes, the first Black Republican presidential candidate, to speak two days before he announced his candidacy in 1995. In literature at the conference, it was noted that four out of every five Planned Parenthood abortion clinics are in minority neighborhoods and although most polls show that African Americans are against abortion, the abortion rate among black women in the US is two to three times higher than for white women. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a government agency located in Atlanta, 36 percent of abortions were performed on African-American women, although nationwide African Americans account for only 12 percent of the total population.

Rep. Mel Watt (D-NC), Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ), Mary Puryear, member The Prudential Foundation and Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA) aboard the Spirit of Washington boardside along the Potomac. The annual boat ride was held to honor the achievements of Congressman Payne.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

WESTFIELD—The Wellness Initiative with Senior Educators (W.I.S.E.) offers an intensive, free 8-week training program held at the Council's offices. For more information, call 908-233-8810.

WHARTON—A breakfast reception honoring Morris County's Kidstart for Affordable Housing Month at the Wharton Senior Housing from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, call 973-644-2757.

WESTFIELD—The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Program of Union County will hold their Fifth Annual Penny Sale at the 4-H office.

NEW BRUNSWICK—The 5th Annual National Arts and Humanities presents free activities at the New Brunswick Cultural Center through the 6th. For more info, call 1-800-945-2787.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

PISCATAWAY—Circle Players of Piscataway presents "The Elephant Man" by Bernard Pomerance at the Circle Playhouse. For more information, call 732-968-7555.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

PLAINFIELD—Playoff time between the Plainfield Police Dept. vs. Plainfield Municipal Alliance 2 p.m. at Plainfield High School Gym. For ticket information, call 908-757-3365.

PLAINFIELD—The United Methodist Women presents a Yard Sale Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 444 State Ave. For more info, call 908-388-8792 or 201-596-9492.

ALLENTOWN—The Handicapped High Riders Club presents their fourth annual cycle tour benefiting handicapped high riders club. For more information, call 609-259-3884.

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JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will offer two levels of "Spanish Enrichment for Children," a program for children of Hispanic heritage on Saturdays through Dec. 13th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call 201-200-3089.

ELIZABETH—Community Access Unlimited has scheduled its third flea market at Elizabeth's social service agency from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 908-354-3040 x 275.

MOUNT KISCO, NY—Home Design

Benefit Auction at the Northern Westchester Center for the Arts: For more information, call 914-785-8359.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

HOBOKEN—Artists Studio Tour. Visit artists, photographers, sculptors and artisans in their studios. For more information, call 420-2207.

MAHWAH—Ramapo College of NJ will have an open house at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (800) 9-RAMAPO.

MONTCLAIR—Workshops for managing the feet or back will be held at Montclair State University from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information, call 973-655-3333.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Women's Center presents a free lecture on "Date Rape" at the Jersey Center Medical Center. For more info call 201-200-3426.

PLAINFIELD—The Literary Volunteers of America-Plainfield affiliate offers a free workshop to train anyone interested in helping adults learn to read from 6 - 9 p.m. For more info, call 908-755-7998.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

JERSEY CITY—An afternoon workshop on "Sexual Harassment" will be held at Jersey City State College's formal lounge from 12 - 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Rutgers Theater Company presents "Musical Comedy Murders of 1947" by John Bishop through Oct. 20th. For ticket information, call (732) 933-7511.

BLOOMFIELD—Bloomfield College celebrates the works of preeminent photographer and author, Gordon Parks. For more information, call (973) 748-9000, ext. 343.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

PLAINFIELD—The PAL is presently putting together their Public Safety Handbook in conjunction with sponsoring the Harlem Rockets Community Basketball Benefit. The event will be held in the Plainfield High School Gymnasium at 850 Park Avenue in Plainfield at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 908-755-6024.

Newark street renamed after boxing promoter, Don King



NEWARK STREET RENAMED AFTER BOXING PROMOTER, DON KING First Class Championship Development Center (FCCDC), brings boxing promoter, Don King to Newark for a tour of the state-of-the-art boxing facility located at 936-938 Bergen Street in Newark's South Ward. The FCCDC founder, Carolyn Kelly established the facility in 1992. During a recent ceremony at the facility, Mayor Sharps James, (right) jokes about King's fame as the greatest boxing promoter of all time skyrocketed in June, recalling the Evander Holyfield biting incident with Mike Tyson.

Les Brown keynotes Donald Jackson Neighborhood Gala awards



Newark Councilwoman Mildred Crump, International renowned motivational speaker Les Brown and Board Chairman Nathaniel Potts who attended the Donald Jackson Neighborhood Corporation Tenth Year Gala Awards Dinner recently held at the Newark Marriott Hotel. Brown delivered the keynote address.

Connie Woodruff

A Tribute to Connie

"Newark's Own: Connie Woodruff," a film documenting the life and deeds of City News political columnist Connie Woodruff, will be shown at noon Oct. 19 in Trinity St. Philip's Cathedral, 607 Broad St., Newark, in Military Park.

The documentary is part of a memorial service for Woodruff on the first anniversary of Woodruff on the first anniversary of her death and for her husband, Bill, who died in April 1996. The Very Rev. Pietro A.N. Sabone, dean of the cathedral, will officiate.

Over the years, Woodruff was appointed to state commissions by six New Jersey governors. For 16 years, she was and for eight years co-chairperson on the New Jersey Commission on the Status of Women and for eight years co-chairperson of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Commission with Gov. Richard J. Hughes. She also was president emerita of the National Association of Commissioners for Women.

Woodruff graduated from Newark's South Side High School in 1939 and later earned a master's degree from Rutgers University in labor studies, she was an adjunct professor at Rutgers-Newark and at Essex County College, where she was employed as director of public information before he 1989 retirement.

Early in her career, Woodruff was

city editor of The Herald News, a Newark based black weekly, covering everyone from many other newspapers and was a longtime political commentator for Cablevision of Newark.

Active politically since her youth, Woodruff was the daughter of Caroline Pless Williams, a well-known caterer and Republican leader in Newark's Central Ward. She followed her mother's lead, but eventually became a Democrat, serving two terms on the Democratic National Committee.

Before her association with Essex County College, Woodruff spent 20 years as education director for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, fighting for the rights of poorly paid workers.

Always active within the community, she was a popular mistress of ceremonies known for her acerbic wit. Over the years, she served on 30 non-profit boards.

Bill Woodruff was a retired engineer from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. Married 42 years, he and Connie lived in West Orange, where she was chairperson of the West Orange Human Relations Commission.

The October 19 memorial service in their memory will be followed by a reception at Cathedral House, 24 Rector St., Newark.

Black veterans find a home



From left to right: Gen. Colin Powell, USA (Ret.); Philip J. Carroll, Shell Oil's president and CEO; Norman Conklin, descendant of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment. Photo Credit: Jason Miccolo Johnson

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After nearly 40 years in a remote town in New Hampshire, one of the greatest artistic jewels of the 19th century—the "Augustus Saint-Gaudens Memorial to Robert Gould Shaw and the Massachusetts 54th Regiment"—is now on view at the National Gallery of Art due in part, a contribution to the gallery of \$100,000 by the Shell Oil Company Foundation, to restore and install the sculpture.

The Massachusetts 54th Regiment was the first African-American combat infantry unit from the North to fight for the Union during the Civil War, and was the subject of "U. Glory," the 1989 Academy Award-winning film. "The figures shown depict a group of young men going off to risk their lives to ensure their freedom, and in doing so, ensure freedom for all of us," said Shell's president and CEO, Philip J. Carroll.

"Shell is very proud of its long history of support for culture and the arts, but particularly glad to have had the opportunity to reintroduce this too-often forgotten moment in history to the millions of people who visit the National Gallery each year," Carroll added.

Members of the audience were visibly moved by Gen. Powell as he eloquently recalled the regiment's precarious route toward independence. "We have to remember that

because people didn't think they could do it," he charged. "But they did, and as a result, they showed that if they could be valorous in the field of battle alongside their white brothers, they should be able to serve anywhere in American society alongside their white brothers."

"The monument, which measures nearly 15-feet high, 16-feet wide and three-feet deep, reveals Col. Shaw astride his horse as the troops push forward on foot by his side with an intense determination that is remarkably detailed in their faces. Above the group floats an allegorical figure carrying an olive branch, symbolizing peace, as well as poppies which symbolize death, sleep and remembrance. This is particularly poignant since 281 of the regiment's 600 members were killed seven weeks after they left Boston, during an assault on Fort Wagner in South Carolina."

"I hope that with this marvelous statue here in the nation's capital, it will be a source of inspiration to millions of Americans—both white Americans and black Americans," Powell concluded, "reminding us of a time in the past that we must never forget, but also showing us how far we have come, and reminding us that the struggle has to continue for a while longer until we are more perfect union, the most perfect union that our founding fathers intended. It's a scene

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Bergen County Library

Black Nurses Association

Visiting Nurses Association

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AROUND THE NATION

New Treatment Prevents Strokes In Children With Sickle Cell Anemia

A treatment that prevents strokes in children with sickle cell anemia has been announced by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). New data from the "Stroke Prevention Trial in Sickle Cell Anemia" (STOP), show that administering blood transfusions every three-to-four weeks to children with sickle cell anemia, who are at high risk for stroke, reduces their rate of stroke by 90 percent. The results were so compelling that the study was stopped on Aug. 20—16 months earlier than planned.

Dr. Claude Lenfant, director of NHLBI, stated, "Although this is not a cure, transfusions offer these children the hope of avoiding the devastating consequences of stroke."

"Of course, blood transfusions have their own risks," he added. "But for the patients and their families, the benefits of preventing strokes and their debilitating effects far outweigh the risks associated with repeated blood transfusions. And we continue to support research to develop other agents."

Media Must Share Blame in Farrakhan Death Threat

Words of shock and outrage are emerging from Black leaders and observers in response to the arrest of an Indianapolis man who made a telephone death threat against Minister Louis Farrakhan. Ronald Dearman, a 37-year-old white male, was arrested Sept. 1 and charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana. Police initially responded to Dearman's home after they were told by Nation of Islam officials of a threatening phone call made to Mosque No. 74 in Indianapolis. Police confiscated shotguns, rifles, scopes, ammunition and drugs from Dearman's home. He was released after posting \$15,000 bail. "Our leaders need to be safe so our community can benefit from their leadership," said Dorothy Leavell, president of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NPPA), the nation's largest group of Black newspaper publishers. "The tenor and tone of many (mainstream) papers and commentators who report on Min. Farrakhan can enrage people to what may or may not be the truth. These kinds of threats can restrict the good things that can come to our community like the Million Man March."

Dr. George Kiadi, a special envoy of the Republic of Liberia to the United States, said the media's mis-portrayal of Min. Farrakhan's actions and words are partially to blame. "If the media will be more concrete and accurate in their reports of his lectures, things like this may never occur."

AROUND THE WORLD

Ghana Opposes U.S. Embargo Against Cuba

CAPE COAST, Ghana (PANA)—Ghanaian President Jerry Rawlings has lashed out at the United States' embargo against Cuba, saying it is "morally wrong." He said to deny a sovereign state the benefits derived from external trade is indefensible.

Rawlings was addressing the second Africa-Cuba solidarity conference at the University of Cape Coast, a follow-up to the initial meeting held in South Africa in 1996. The four-day conference, under the theme "Free Trade and National Sovereignty," was attended by delegates from several countries, including Angola, Cuba, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa and U.S.

Rawlings said attempts by the U.S. to broaden the embargo to cover trade between Cuba and other countries has generated legitimate international concern. Ghana is against the Helms-Burton embargo, which forbids U.S. overseas subsidiaries to trade with Cuba and threatens to punish any country that trades with the island nation. Ghana is against any law that violates two important principles of international law—non-interference in the internal affairs of another and the right of all nations to determine their own paths of social development. Rawlings said the conference, drawing opposition to the tightening of the embargo against Cuba, he said, has weakened the U.S. position because its own allies—the European Union, Canada, Japan and several Latin American states—consider it without any basis in international law.

The Little Rock Nine: the real celebration

By Janetta Kearney
Publisher, Arkansas State Press

Last week we commemorated the survival, maturity and prosperity of nine little Black children who on September 25, 1957, braved the doors of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. and desegregated the institution. In marking the occasion, we were really celebrating our strength, durability and resolve and the protection from God, who makes the impossible, possible.

On September 19, a week-long schedule of official events began focusing on Central High School, the City of Little Rock, the "Little Rock Nine" and remembrance of a crisis 40 years ago.

There was discussion and disagreement among residents as to what the scheduled event meant. Why was it taking place? What were we celebrating? Why put a new face on the city? How much was this party costing and who was paying for the glitter? True to life itself, all of the nine and others involved from 40 years ago, had a common objective, but dissenting positions.

And so it is.

John Hope Franklin makes guest Appearance On Odyssey's "Lawson Live"

NEW YORK, N.Y.—"We have brushed race under the rug for the last 300 years," says John Hope Franklin in a guest appearance on "Lawson Live," a weekly call-in program airing on Odyssey, a national religious cable network.

Black males boost prison industry

WASHINGTON—Crime apparently does pay as more and more businesses begin to capitalize on an explosive growth in the prison industry. From privately controlled prison beds and electro-shock stun weapons to hair products, the burgeoning correctional-industrial industry, generating up to \$40 billion annually, is examined in the October issue of *Emergence* in Joe Davidson's cover story, "Crime Pays." The prison industry may be a double-edged sword for African-American communities who want safer streets and the well-paying, recession proof jobs it creates, but whose primary commodity is Black men and women.

"Feeding the correctional-industrial complex is a series of laws, policies and practices in the criminal justice system that makes young Black people, in particular, fodder for the swelling network," said Davidson, who covers criminal justice for the Wall Street Journal. "Criminal behavior, combined with a system biased against the poor and Black, provides the industry with a steady stream of human cargo."

"This is absolutely immoral," said Rev. Wendell Anthony, president of the Detroit NAACP, the civil rights group's largest chapter. "It is a fact that the prison-industrial complex has been nurtured, fed, sustained and maintained on the blood and the bodies of Black men and women throughout the nation."

The facts bear out Rev. Anthony's charge. The number of African-Americans incarcerated nearly doubled between 1985 and 1995, with a 707 percent increase on drug charges alone. During the same period, the number of Whites incarcerated rose by little more than half. Also, in 1995, the National Criminal Justice Commission reported that African-Americans, 12 percent of the population and 13 percent of all monthly drug users, represented 74 percent of those sentenced to prison for drug possession.

The "other program," as some dubbed the event at Philander Smith College on Sept. 27, was the real celebration with the "Little Rock Nine," their families and representatives of the NAACP in attendance.

The event, spearheaded by the African American Coalition by Leta Anthony, was also dubbed "The People's Celebration." It was a place where those from the grassroots community could come together to remember and celebrate the strides achieved since 1957, and the accomplishment of the "Nine" despite a difficult beginning. "Note that all left Arkansas and returned as successful business adults," said Anthony as we discussed this "Celebration."

Anthony stressed the need for commemoration by all facets of the community. She said that a major focus had been placed on the building, Central High School, which is an intimate object, and tended to distract from the genuine connection between the "Nine," their families, the NAACP, churches and other supporters of desegregation.

Annie Abrams, who participated in planning an event for Central High Museum, Inc., said before the celebra-



Celebration for desegregation Little Rock-Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee greets dignitaries at the dedication of the new Little Rock Central High Visitor Center, located in a Mobil service station restored to its 1957 appearance. The ceremony marked the beginning of a week of activities commemorating the 40th anniversary of the desegregation of Central High. Standing from left, Babette Colequit, Mobil Corporation's Office of Diversity and Inclusion along with Gloria Ray Karkmar and Jefferson Thomas, two of the nine students who were the focal point of the integration in 1957.

tions began that "the community must applaud...the Black Leadership of Little Rock for ensuring that they are included in this event. It is clear that the celebration of the birthday of Central High School is no more inclusive in its 70th year, than at the beginning. It is also clear that the grassroots

community is not an inclusive part of the scheduled celebrations.

"We have had to take this separate and unequal event and produce an inclusive, quality program for those committed and left out of the general events," she said.

The "Little Rock Nine" should be

applauded for sharing themselves and their families with the community. They are our heroes and stories, our examples and our role models. They show us what we can accomplish despite a tumultuous beginning, with encouragement from friends, faith in God, hard work and the will to endure to the end.

Million Woman March plans on schedule

By Penn Roberts
Special to the NNPA From the Philadelphia Tribune

Although The Million Woman March avoided unfavorable press recently for being too vague and unorganized, officials say things are going as planned for the scheduled rally on Oct. 25.

At a press conference recently Asia Coneo, a co-chair of the March, announced that Winnie Mandela and Julia Wright, daughter of Harlem Renaissance author Richard Wright, will be participating in the event. But Coneo said organizers are not focusing on celebrities to draw the big gathering they anticipate.

"It doesn't matter whether we are national figures," she said. "It matters that we are together."

As part of their mission statement, organizers said they wanted to focus on issues that have adversely affected the Black community.

"Women of African descent who reside, struggle, and interact in grassroots communities have analyzed and assessed unlimited issues and problems, many of which have resulted in the deterioration of African Americans and African people over-

all," say the organizers.

"The Million Women March provides us the opportunity to prioritize the human and environmental issues. It will collectively enable us to develop an assertive and aggressive movement to ensure the participation and impact of people of African descent," organizers noted in a statement.

They also unveiled the platform issues that some had contended were non-existent.

Issues include:

1. National Congressional Maxine Waters, in an effort to effectively bring about a probe into the CIA's participation and its relationship to the influx of drugs into the African-American community.

2. The development and completion of Black independent schools with a 21st century focus from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

3. The formation of progressive mechanisms that will qualitatively address the development and advancement of Black women upon leaving the penal system.

4. The development of health facilities that can offer preventive and therapeutic treatment, and a major emphasis on alternative and traditional

al medicine.

5. The formation of Rites of Passage centers/academics which provide continual programming in addition to assigned enrollment periods.

6. The further development of Black women, who are or wish to become professionals, entrepreneurs and/or politicians.

7. The further development of mechanisms that will assist Black women who are in "transitional" experiences which will facilitate them more effectively and progressively.

8. The examination of human rights violations of Africans in the Americas and their effects.

Coney said another primary reason for holding the March was to address the issues women are facing in prison and other related issues as well.

"There needs to be a mechanism in place that will support them (women in prison) and ensure that they do not repeat the same mistakes again," Coney said, adding that the declining housing situation, as well as welfare reform, has impacted negatively on women. "If we don't stand up and say loudly that we have had enough, nobody's going to do it," she said.

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BUSINESS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

NEWARK—Regional Economic Outlook Program featuring Economist, Joel Nardoff at the Newark Club. For more information, call (973) 242-6237.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

PHILADELPHIA, PA—First Friday Networking event at the Pennsylvania Convention Center from 7:30 p.m. - 2 a.m. For more info, call 1-800-311-7708.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

SEACAUUS—Serious Business Expo '97 at the Meadows Exposition Center.

EDISON, NJ—Glant computer festival held at Middlesex County College through the 5th. For more info call 732-262-0800.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

ATLANTA, GA—Resources Associates International, Ltd. Presents MOBE XI (Marketing Opportunities in Black Entertainment), the premiere advertising/marketing symposium through Oct. 6. For more information, call (770) 651-8008.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

MORRISTOWN—Desktop Publishing Conference at Governor Moore Hotel Conference Center through the 7th. For more information, call (800) 662-5078.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

CHERRY HILL—"Need Venture Capital?" The New Jersey Technology Council and the Regional Business Partnership 11th Annual NJ Venture fair will be held at the Garden State Plaza in Cherry Hill. For more information, call 973-642-6237.

NEW YORK, NY—National Minority Business Council offers export training program (5 wk-program on exporting). For more info, call 212-273-2383.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

WASHINGTON, DC—ASPIRA presents "Empowering professionals through Entrepreneurship & Technology" investing in Latino youth in the Meridian at Metro Center in Washington, DC. For more information, call 202-853-3000.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

WASHINGTON, DC—The Society for Human Resource Management presents a Pre-Conference Workshop on Affirmative Action, Developing an Effective Plan for Your Organization. For more information, call (800) 283-SHRM.

Business Exchange

by William Reed

Ask most any American what is the key to wealth and you'll get an answer that incorporates enterprise and investment. Ask an African American and the answer probably will incorporate the government and politics.

What does the term "empowerment" mean? In most cases when African Americans mention empowerment they are talking about political franchise and not business franchise. These discussions categorically overlook the fact that small businesses and entrepreneurs are the backbone of this country. Even though the spirit, energy and outlook of businesses are the only fuel for economic growth in America, this fact seems to escape most blacks, who are more comfortable pushing welfare and similar social programs as a way of growing the economy. People in economics say, "In these times of wonder that racial economic inequality is still widening?"

Chase Manhattan Bank's Awards \$114,000 to New Jersey Housing Groups

NEW YORK, NY—The Chase Manhattan Bank and the Chase Manhattan Foundation announced \$114,000 in grants to 20 nonprofit housing organizations located in Northern New Jersey. These grants are part of a total of over \$1.7 million in grants being awarded to 172 nonprofit housing organizations located throughout New York State, Connecticut and Northern New Jersey—the largest amount of money ever distributed in the program's 12-year history. During this period the bank and the Chase Manhattan Foundation have awarded \$9.3 million in general support grants to more than 200 different community-based housing organizations.

The Housing Opportunities Program (HOP) is a multi-faceted program designed to enhance the ability of community-based organizations to develop low- and moderate-income and special-needs housing. The program also supports intermediary organizations which provide technical assistance to nonprofit housing developers. "It is largely because of the efforts of these nonprofit community groups, developers and support organizations that significant progress has been made in the expansion of affordable housing," said Michael Hegarty, vice chairman of The Chase Manhattan Bank. "Chase is committed to remaining a leader in serving the needs of low- and moderate-income communities and the \$1.7 million in support grants we have awarded this year is another confirmation of our ongoing efforts to build and enhance relationships with the communities we serve."

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\$400 billion annually, and in the 30 years since the massive Civil Rights Movement the black middle-class has experienced rapid growth. African-American families earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000 increased 28 percent between 1970 and 1992 and families earning over \$75,000 increased 206 percent during this period. In contrast to similar economic growth among Asians and their businesses during this period, the lack of black economic growth came from gaining managerial and professional jobs.

If blacks don't start looking to that which brings wealth we will enter the 21st Century in economic slavery. In 1992, family income inequality was at its highest level since 1967: The median black family income of \$21,761 was only

55.3 percent of median white family income of \$39,320. Since the 1960s, economists tracking black economic status have concluded that we've made little progress toward achieving economic parity. Actually, the aggregate black income deficit grew from \$102 billion in 1967 to \$214 billion in 1992 with an even greater disparity expected in 1996 figures.

To survive and prosper, we need massive changes in our economic habits. The reason racial economic inequality exists is not, as many blacks say, constant is not due as much to racism as to blacks' lack of attention to wealth building. We've never been a significant effort to equalize racial disparities through ownership of business. Possession of land, labor, capital and entrepreneurial resources are the basics of American economics. In a free enterprise economic system economic forces flow from ownership of resources. Lack of such ownership means a lack of income-

earning resources and organized efforts to create jobs. But, only there are only 500,000 black-owned businesses. Principally because blacks won't support them, not realizing the power we all can accrue through such support. Blacks' "victim" mentality causes us to miss the fact that people who don't have their own businesses and capital has only labor to offer and is therefore dependent others.

The key to black wealth building is for us to own more property and real estate; accumulate more capital through

investments and savings and deposits in black-owned institutions; increasing our purchases of products and services from each other; increasing ownership of businesses at all levels; and increasing our own employment opportunities.

What's now or do? Live large and increase net worth and esteem by mastering simple principles of capitalism. With wiser use of our economic resources we'll realize more control over government and prosper using what is in our pockets more astutely.

Plainfield Library holds free seminar

PLAINFIELD—On October 25 two local entrepreneurs, Myra Campbell of Future Net Inc. and Pat Nagbe of Cyber Designs will join forces to provide a free Internet seminar at the Plainfield Public Library. Both entrepreneurs are Internet specialists, but have different areas of expertise. Campbell demonstrated the easiest, most cost effective way to access the Internet. She said, "Our goal is to get as many urban households on the Internet as possible."

During her presentation, Campbell will show the ease with which an entire family can enjoy drumming the net. She will focus on the communication, education, information available through the Internet. Economic self-

employment opportunities are available to those who are interested.

For a business looking to grow sales, using the Internet can give it instant marketing exposure to millions around the world. For a church trying to reach out to others in the community, the Pastor's Sunday Seminar and other messages can be placed on the Internet. An individual looking for a job can surf the net for the perfect job, affordably and quickly.

To find out more information, the public is invited to a seminar on at the Plainfield Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required. Call 908-372-3020 or send a fax to 908-372-0370 to register. E-mail to salms@slnet.com.

SBA seeks nominations for 1998 Small Business Week Awards

NEWARK—Francisco A. Marren, New Jersey district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that his office is seeking nominations for the 1998 Small Business Person of the Year Award, as well as the nine Advocate and Special Awards the agency presents annually during National Small Business Week in June.

During the announcement, Marren said, "We are looking for the most outstanding small business persons and advocates in New Jersey. During National Small Business Week the winners of these awards will be honored by the SBA for their contributions to our nation's economic growth and quality of life."

According to Marren, 1998 will mark the 35th annual celebration of National Small Business Week in addition to searching for the Small Business Person of the Year, the SBA is looking for nominees in the following categories: Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year, Women in Business Advocate of the Year, Veteran Small Business

Advocate of the Year, Accountant Advocate of the Year, Financial Services Advocate of the Year, Media Advocate of the Year, Small Business Exporter of the Year, SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the Entrepreneurial Success Award.

All nominations must be received in the SBA New Jersey District Office by November 3, 1997 and must be typewritten on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper, one side only. All materials must be collated and secured in a 1/2" binder and submitted to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Two Gateway Center - Fourth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, Attention: Harry Menta.

Those interested in receiving a copy of the SBA's 1998 Guidelines for Small Business Award Nominations, or additional information on the nomination process, should contact Harry Menta of the SBA at 973 645-6064.

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insurance account would be charged for a former employee who voluntarily quit or who was discharged for misconduct if the former employee qualifies for benefits under a subsequent job. With the new law, the employer's account will no longer be charged for these benefits. Neither the cost will be absorbed by the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. It is estimated that this legislation will have a very small impact on the trust fund.

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College aspirations rise

FAIRFAX VA—According to a new report released by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the aspirations of African American students are rising dramatically. Volume III of The Status of Education in Black America released by UNCF's research arm, the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute, indicates that the challenge now is to make sure that course-taking and achievement keep pace. The new volume focuses on the transitions from high school to college and work to create the most comprehensive information ever assembled on the educational status of African Americans.

During the 1960s, the proportion of African American high school sophomores expecting eventually to graduate from college doubled from 35 to 70 percent. But the proportion enrolled in an academic program rose only to 59 percent. Two years after their expected time of high school graduation, only one-fourth were actually enrolled in college and working towards a bachelor's degree.

According to William H. Gray, III, president and chief executive officer of The College Fund, Volume III of The Status of Education in Black America "provides information about the challenges facing African Americans in their transition from high school to college and from college to the workplace. It forms a powerful way of thinking about both the educational progress and the challenges which must be confronted by those concerned about the academic performance of African American students. It is our hope that the completion of this data which previously existed in isolation will allow for a new research agenda around these issues and pave the way for improving educational opportunities and outcomes in the future."

"High aspirations are desirable, of course," said Dr. Michael T. Nettles, executive director of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute, which compiled the report. "But aspirations alone are not enough. There has to be academic effort and achievement."

Among other significant findings in the new report:

- Both the amount and quality of education really do matter.

There appears to be a strong relationship between academic achievement and the college degree students actually earn. In the nation's largest longitudinal student data base, going back to 1980 African Americans at each achievement level were about as likely as whites to earn bachelor's degrees. But the proportion of African Americans scoring in the higher quintiles was relatively low, and so was the proportion overall that earned a college degree.

In a similar national database, which started in 1983, the achievement of black students in reading and math had risen substantially. As we move through the 1990s, the degrees earned by these better-prepared students should increase, though there are still substantial deficits that must be overcome.

- Black women have made greater gains in high school education than black men and more of them continue their education beyond high school.

By two years after their expected graduation, 87 percent of African American women, compared to 79 percent of African American men, have received high school diplomas. Among whites, the comparable figures are 91 percent for women and 89 percent for men.

Overall, more African American women than African American men enroll in post-secondary education—66 percent versus 53 percent by 1992.

- The U.S. military is one area where blacks—particularly men—have attained equality with whites with similar levels of education.

However, as the size of the armed forces has shrunk over the past 15 years, the number of young black men in the military has declined from 289,000 to 130,000.

This represents a real loss in opportunity and social mobility. Nettles said, "particularly for those with just a high school diploma. It appears that no other sector of our society or economy has picked up the slack."

Nettles noted that "the success of the military in providing equal opportunity to whites and blacks should serve as a model for the private sector. The rest of our society has a lot of catching up to do."

Although blacks and whites with similar education are likely to be at similar ranks, education levels generally are lower for blacks, and this seems to have limited their advancement. A majority of black military officers attained historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs). HBCU graduates comprise about one-third of the African American officers in the Army and about one-fifth in the Navy and Air Force.

- Annual earnings are comparable for African Americans and whites who have received a bachelor's degree. However, among those with just a high school diploma, the average earnings of blacks are almost one-third less.

"This greater gap between high school and college graduates underscores the value of higher educational achievement for African Americans," Nettles said. "It shows why it is important for blacks to continue their education."

Van Wick Brooks Historic District conducts house tour

The Van Wick Brooks Historic District in Plainfield, New Jersey, announces its 1997 Halloween House Tour, "Spooks of the Past," scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour features 10 distinctive turn-of-the-century homes, and a special "haunted house."

High school art students, in addition to a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour features 10 distinctive turn-of-the-century homes, and a special "haunted house."

The tour this fall follows a tradition of tours dating back to 1982. Previous tours have been overwhelming critical and commercial successes. More than 1200 people attended the 1996 tour.

Tour funds purchase decorative plants, which beautify our neighborhood and Library Park; these funds also support our continuing program of planning and maintaining street trees in the "haunted house" only. For more information call 908-754-8918.

Tickets will be available in advance at \$12.00 at the tour at \$15.00. All tickets include admission to all listed houses, as well as the "haunted house." There will also be special \$5.00 tickets for admission to a solemn dramatic play.

several locations and on the day of the tour at \$15.00. All tickets include admission to all listed houses, as well as the "haunted house." There will also be special \$5.00 tickets for admission to a solemn dramatic play.

equipment to the Plainfield Police Department. The District also provided a substantial donation to the Museum Express to help their effort to have Plainfield designated as the site for the State Transportation Museum.

The Van Wick Brooks Historic District is one of the seven residential historic districts in Plainfield.

Within the twelve-block district are some of the most distinguished examples of Victorian architecture in the Northeast, including Queen Anne, Gothic, and Tudor styles. Among the highlights of this tour will be a single-style home now completely restored after a seven-year fire, as well as one of the remaining Colonial farmhouses in the area.

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Clergy Sisters had historical gathering

By Rev. Dr. Linda Hollies

The sight was beautiful. The networking was powerful. The information was inspiring and the education was relevant. The sisterhood was phenomenal! The sisterhood was excellent, well-crafted and delivered with

grace. The teaching was informative, timely and uplifting. The music was thrilling and uplifting. It was an historic event, a "homecoming" of 21 mainline denominations, African, African-American and Caribbean clergymen.

Over 350 "sistas" met recently on

the grounds of Clark Atlanta University and the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, GA for a conference entitled, "I have an appointment." A gathering of clergymen. We were housed in a new residential dormitory of Clark-Atlanta, which had been built for the 1996 Olympics. Air conditioned, spacious, four-story, modern building with a common living room and kitchen, were perfect for

healing circles and prayer groups. We had early morning prayer, teaching plenary and seminars, professional, attorneys, pastors, authors, clinicians and state legislators held workshops, and we ate home cooked meals at the Clark-Atlanta University Student Union.

The Black educational metropolis—including Spelman, Morehouse, and Morris Brown—about six blocks in diameter. Those red-bricked

as preaching daughters of Africa participated in an Harbinger.

But during the opening night of The Holy Convocation, two Black female pastors led two lines of clergy dressed in black with Kente sashes to a solemn dramatic play.

The opening worship was held at the Hillside Chapel of Truth and Dr. Barbara King is founder and pastor of over 7,000 members in a multi-million dollar facility. Standing at 6'5", she is a true example of a warrior queen.

Closing gathering was Rev. Brenda Little, prescholarship coordinator and pastor of Bethel Baptist Church of Christ in Evanston, Ill. She challenged the gathering to go home with a power stance as directed by Ephesians 6. Theologian and professor, Dr. Jacquelyn Grant, African Methodist Episcopal (AME), celebrated the closing communion.

Rev. Dr. Linda H. Hollies is associate council director of Outreach Ministries in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her column, "In A Different Voice," appears each week in The Grand Rapids Times.

The Shiloh Baptist Church Celebrates Pastor & People: Partners in Christ

Plainfield, New Jersey. "Shiloh Baptist Church Celebrates Pastor and People, Partners in Christ; Partners for Life" is the theme for the Festivities celebrating Shiloh's new pastor, Reverend Gerald Lamont Thomas, Ph.D. Reverend Thomas came to Shiloh from the Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, PA in May of this year. He succeeded Shiloh's former pastor, Reverend Jerry W. Henry who passed away in December 1995. Nineteen hundred ninety-seven marks the 89th anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church and the confirmation of a great Pastor/Teacher relationship for the Shiloh Church Family and the Community.

The Celebration will begin with an Inaugural Banquet at the East Brunswick Hilton & Towers located in East Brunswick, NJ on Friday, October 10, 1997. Reverend L. B. Jones, 11 of Pilgrim Baptist Church, Washington, DC will be the keynote speaker for the evening and tickets are priced at \$35.00.

Continuing the celebration, the Voices of Shiloh, featuring V. Michael McKay of Houston, TX will minister in song on Saturday, October 18.

Festivities will continue throughout the month of October with uplifting messages by Reverend Dr. Ronald K. Hill, Progressive National Baptist Convention—Baptist Global Missions Bureau; Reverend Dr. Morris W. Lee, Third Baptist Church, Youngstown, OH; Reverend Samuel D. Rowe, Scott United Methodist Church, Mayville, KY; Reverend Dr. A. Russell Award, New Zion Baptist Church, Louisville, KY; Reverend Gregory R. Maddox, Faith Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD; Reverend L. B. Jones, Springfield Baptist Church, Washington, DC and Reverend Dr. J. Wesley Mapson, Jr., Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA.

Please call the Shiloh Church office at (908) 754-8918 for Banquet tickets or information on any of the other Investiture Services.

Farrakhan outlines details of Day of Atonement

By Latasha J. Bradley
Special to the NNPA From the Chicago Defender

Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan has outlined the details of the observance of the Holy Day of Atonement/Day of Absence set for Oct. 16, the second anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington, DC.

The day is to be observed with fasting from sunset Oct. 15 to sunset Oct. 16 and pre-dawn family prayer and scriptural readings on Oct. 16.

"America is dying as we speak from an internal rot due to a moral decline into the abyss of decadence," Farrakhan said.

"When a nation's evil outweighs its good, God has always sent down a decree of judgment and that judgment meant the termination of that society, that people or that nation," Farrakhan said.

"America is now in that unenviable position. But before He (God) brings the full weight of punishment on America, He asks that America be called to repentance, to atone."

Farrakhan said that no money should be spent. No one should work or play and the Day of Atonement should be a time of reconciliation

among family members with visitation to churches, mosques, temples or other houses of worship.

Farrakhan also requested that all pastors preach a sermon on atonement, reconciliation and responsibility on Sunday, Oct. 12 in preparation for the holy day.

For ministers of the Nation of Islam and others Farrakhan has asked them to encourage the atonement process by holding an afternoon rally during which youth from each racial group can address their elders.

"I am warning America, we are either going to come back to God and repent or God will destroy America. He did those before and left them as a sign so that America might be guided and warned by their failure to accept guidance and warning attacks and repent," Farrakhan said, adding that he is not worried about critics' opinion of the Holy Day of Atonement.

"Even if we don't do all that we intended to do or desire to do, we've made a start," he said.

"When we called for a million men to be in Washington, God helped to make it a reality and all the naysayers who said it couldn't happen were there and they saw it happen."

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RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NUTLEY—First Mt. Zion Baptist Church will have a Men & Women's Day Service at 11 a.m. For more information, call 973-242-4173.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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MONTCLAIR—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents Young People's Concerts: Music in Living Color at Montclair High School at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. For more info, call 973-824-3713 x216.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Jazz Institute presents Octoberfest featuring the Young Ensemble. For more info, call 732-214-0113.

CALDWELL—Caldwell College presents its second annual concert featuring dynamic soprano Karen Beardsley and pianist Richard Pearson Thomas "An Evening of American Song Art" featuring works by Thomas, Les Hoby and Ned Forem. For more info, call 973-228-4244.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

WAYNE—William Paterson University's Jazz room series celebrates 20th Anniversary season featuring Cecil Payne and Marian McPartland through Nov. 9th. For more information, call (973) 720-2371.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

TRENTON—New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents Young People's Concerts: Music in Living Color at the Crescent Theatre at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. For more info, call 973-824-3713 x216.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

WAYNE—William Paterson University presents an introduction to Architecture through Nov. 13th. For more information, call (973) 720-2653.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

JERSEY CITY—The Community Awareness Series of The Jersey City Public Library celebrates 20th Anniversary of Community Programming featuring The Kenny Barron Quartet.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

EDISON—Crossroads Theatre Guild presents A Jazz Luncheon featuring James Moody Quartet. For ticket information, call (908) 249-5581.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEW YORK—Transforming the crown: African, Asian and Caribbean Arts in Britain, 1966-1996, in an historic collaborative effort, this landmark exhibition is organized by the Caribbean Cultural Center in cooperation with the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Studio Museum in Harlem. For more information, call 212-307-7420.

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The Scoop: It's Brandy's Brother: Ray J

By Jaquie Malone

Attention readers! Teen singer Ray J is not just Brandy's kid brother. He is clearly a young man who can hold his own, even though he has problems being compared to his beautiful and talented big sister. Brandy is, of course, the star of UPN's hit show "Moesha" and a hit-making recording artist in her own right. But within recent months, her 16-year-old brother Ray J has been making his mark in the music biz. "I've always had an album inside of my head waiting to get out," reveals Ray J, whose musical aspirations, like Brandy's, were gently nurtured by both parents.

His current debut CD, "Everything You Want," is a well-oiled mix of trash-funk and catchy hooks, minus the usual loops and samples found in most teen music. The CD was one of the most anticipated debut R&B projects this year. When Ray J first started work on the CD he said he "didn't even old enough to get a driver's license, but all that has changed. But music isn't the only outlet for this multi-talented young star. The public has seen him in numerous acting roles, including the TV-silicon "Silah" on the BET presentation of "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored," the HBO special, "The Enemy Within" and a myriad of TV commercials. He has also done cameo appearances in big sister Brandy's videos and he garnered a role in the 1996 movie "Mrs. America" which starred Jack Nicholson. But now it's Ray J's turn to shine in the musical spotlight and he's delighted about his debut project. Read On:

THE SCOOP: Tell me about your CD "Everything You Want."

RAY J: I hope the music is everything the public wants because we worked really hard on this. The CD has soft music grooves, but also some funky "fresh tracks" too. There's no sampling, no loops. I'm really proud to say that. We tried to get original, all new music that's got variety to it. I had some creative control of things. But Darryl Williams, my A&R person, mostly directed the CD. Brandy and I did a song on it called "Thank You," which we're proud of. It's just good, fun music that doesn't offend anyone. Now that this CD is out, I hope that people will always remember that Ray J is about musically. I want adults to know that people my age still have a lot of positive music.

THE SCOOP: What kind of tips has big sister, Brandy, given you regarding making an album?

RAY J: She's always telling me the importance of staying focused and being patient. She gives her advice only when she thinks that I need it. If it's something that's not too cool, she'll offer her advice on it. She's not a pushy or bossy kind of sister at all. Brandy really cared a lot about this music project and was very supportive...Brandy really likes the song "Everything You Want"; my dad likes "Good Things"; and my mom likes the song "Promise."

THE SCOOP: So what's more demanding for you, acting or singing?

RAY J: Probably singing. I say that because with the

music, it's totally Ray J. And with acting I'm playing a role as someone else. You can't fake the music though...This is my debut album project, so I'm hoping the public responds to it well. I was supposed to be on Brandy's "Best Friend" but it didn't work out. I've been on music all of my life. I've sung in the choir at church and all that too.

THE SCOOP: Brandy is a student at Perpetua University. What are your plans after high school?

RAY J: Definitely college. Right now, I'm in independent studies with a major. I sometimes do school work on Saturdays and during holidays. During spring break, I was in New York promoting the album, while most kids were resting. But I had lots of fun. I was recently a part of a high school tour with PUMA to promote the album.

THE SCOOP: Do you have a girlfriend?

RAY J: (He laughs) No, not really. I mean, I've got some girls who like me and I like them. But right now, I'm so busy that I don't really have much time to spend in that area of my life. I've got to stay focused on my career.

THE SCOOP: Does being compared to Brandy ever bother you?

RAY J: No. She's my sister and we stick together on everything. A lot of people compare me to her—which is expected. I'm used to it. I think it's a compliment.

THE SCOOP: I understand that Brandy used to drive you around because you didn't have a driver's license.

RAY J: Yeah. But not anymore. I've got my license and my own car. So I'm now independent in the transportation department. But yeah, Brandy used to take me to various places that I needed to go to.

THE SCOOP: So what kind of car do you have?

RAY J: It's my gray BMW. So I now drive Brandy around (he laughs). Sometimes drive her to the UPN TV studio. She tells me that she often gets tired of driving so much, so I don't mind being her chauffeur.

THE SCOOP: What kind of car does Brandy have?

RAY J: She also has a BMW. It's green. But she recently bought a Range Rover too.

THE SCOOP: Does she let you drive her Rover?

RAY J: Oh yeah. I drive everybody's car that's in the house. I drive both my mom and dad's cars, Brandy's cars. I like for them to drive my car but they don't ever want to drive it. They say my car is too young for them. I guess it's because my car is a two-door sport convertible.

THE SCOOP: I think it's very cool that your parents manage both you and Brandy's careers.

RAY J: Yeah. It's really a big help because you don't have to always watch your back, so to speak. You can relax and enjoy your work because you know that your parents are behind you looking out for your best interest.

THE SCOOP: Do you still have carwax?

RAY J: Yes. 1230 a.m. is my curfew on weekends. I don't really go out during the weekdays. But whenever I do go out during the week I have to be in by 10 p.m.

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Enjoy 'Moody's Mood' at the Crossroads Guild Luncheon

Jazz saxophonist James Moody and his quartet will perform at Crossroads Theatre's Guild Luncheon, Sunday, October 12, 1997 at 2 p.m. at The Pines Manor in Edison, New Jersey.



Moody is best known for sax hits as "Moody's Mood For Love," Frank Sinatra's "Young At Heart," and "Wail Moody Wail."

The quartet is composed, in addition to Moody who plays the flute and sings, of Adam Nussbaum on drums, Todd Coolman, bass and Gill Goldstein, keyboards.

This is the second Crossroads Jazz Luncheon sponsored by the Guild in keeping with the theatre's high standard of artistic excellence and we are thrilled to present the internationally renowned jazz saxophonist James Moody as the featured artist for this event."

Moody's appearance at the luncheon will mark a return to his New Jersey roots, having been raised in Newark, New Jersey. He was born in Savannah, Georgia, and at the age of 16, took up the alto saxophone which was a gift from his uncle.

Tickets to the Guild's October 12th Jazz Luncheon are \$50. For information or tickets, call 732-249-5581, ext. 0 or 732-297-8786.

After hearing Buddy Tate and Don Byas in the Count Basie Orchestra, Moody made a transition from the lighter sounding alto to the deeper,

more full-bodied tenor saxophone. Moody, one of the few remaining tenor giants from the original generation of "toppers" has played with the late Dizzy Gillespie, Elsie Preley, Lou Rawls, Liberace, Glen Campbell and Charlie Rich, and has recorded with trumpeter Howard McChie and vibraphonist Milt Jackson.

Inner Sounds at Globe

Colors of Expression in association with African Globe Studios will present "Inner Sounds: An Outpouring of Lyrical Rhythms."

The performance will take place at the African Globe Studios 1028 Broad St., Newark Sunday October 5, 1997.

The program will be featuring new performing artists in the Essex County area whose works are gaining local following. Laurie Starnes of Montclair, Lemmy Waters of East Orange, and The Soul Bearers of Hoboken. The Guest Poets will be Margie Shaheed of Newark, Mark David & Stormy of East Orange. The program will be hosted by Jerry Gant and Produced Wanda Motley.

Colors of Expressions and African Globe Music Works will also host a statewide open audition Saturday and Sunday October 18 & 19, 1997 from 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Registration for the auditions is \$10.00. African Globe Studios, 1028 Broad St. For more information, contact Wanda Motley (973) 596-0743 or Jerry Gant/Andrew Hogan (973) 249-1584.

WBGO gives free Jazz concerts for kids in October



John Blake, Jr., jazz violinist

NEWARK—WBGO Jazz 88.3 presents its annual Fall Children's Jazz Series with free concerts to entertain and educate young people.

The series is every Saturday in October at a different Newark location. Free to children and adults accompanying a child (adults need not purchase a child's ticket). Each concert is at 12:30 p.m.

Kicking off the series on October 4 is John Blake who will demonstrate his unique and exciting sound on the jazz violin at The Newark Museum, 49 Washington St. Blake, best known as a member of Grover Washington, Jr.'s super group in the mid 1970s, is credited with taking the violin to new heights through jazz, R&B and dance. Following the concert, The Newark Museum hosts a family workshop on movement and making percussion instruments.

On Oct. 11 Grey Lienhard Jazz performs at The Newark Library, 5 Washington St. The group includes co-leaders Norman Grey, Lienhard, pianist/vocalist, and Nate Lienhard, bass, along with David Dornsey, saxophone. In addition to performing in the top New York jazz club, the group has conducted clinics and workshops throughout New Jersey.

Billy Taylor Trio performs at Raphael Hernandez School, 345 Broadway, on Oct. 18. Distinguished jazz pianist and educator, Dr. Taylor has been in the forefront of the jazz world for nearly 50 years. His familiarity with educating audiences about jazz music, through National Public Radio's Jazz at the Kennedy Center, should make his performance a delight for youngsters.

John Hendricks closes the series on Oct. 25 at St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 West Market St. Hendricks is known as the poet laureate of "soul jazz." His artistry has influenced popular vocalist Bobby McFerrin, Al Jarreau and Manhattan Transfer. For more information, call 201-624-8880, ext. 268.

AHN broadcasts 'Hollywood Shuffle' and 'Greased Lightning' for October

The African Heritage Network "Movie of the Month" series, hosted by legendary film stars Ossie Davis

and Ruby Dee, broadcasts Hollywood Shuffle and Greased Lightning, two great movies for the month of October. AHN's "Movie of the Month" series is brought to you by A&T.

Greased Lightning airs on WABC, Oct. 2 at 12:35 a.m. and Hollywood Shuffle airs on WABC, Oct. 16 at 12:35 a.m.

"Hollywood Shuffle is a surprise comedy hit and a very important film," said Ossie Davis. "Along with Spike Lee, Robert Townsend has helped establish a new era in Black film making," he added.

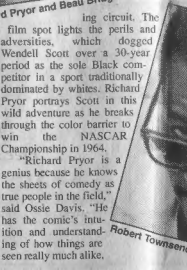
Hollywood Shuffle is a hilarious look at how hard it is for a Black actor to find work in Hollywood. It stars Bobby Taylor (Robert Townsend, Parenthood), a frustrated actor, employed at a local inner city hot dog stand called Winky Dinky Dog. Bobby is having a hard time because the NAACP President (Paul Mooney) thinks he is not Black enough and his friend (Kenneth Ivory Wayans) thinks he is not proud enough. So, Bobby must do the Hollywood Shuffle.

Richard Pryor and Beau Bridges film spot lights the perils and adventures, which dogged Wendell Scott over a 30-year period as the sole Black competitor in a sport traditionally dominated by whites. Richard Pryor portrays Scott in the field, while Beau Bridges breaks through the color barrier to win the NASCAR Championship in 1964.

Other cast members include: Anne-Marie Johnson, John Witherspoon, Brad Sanders, Roy Fegan, Jesse Wilson and Starletta DuPois. Greased Lightning is a film adaptation of the life of Wendell Scott, the real-life racing driver, who fought

hostility and prejudice while spinning his wheels on the race track. He was not unlike at all. He knows comedy as if he invented it, and that's why his comedies so appealing," he added.

Besides Pryor, Greased Lightning's all-star cast includes: Beau Bridges, Pam Grier, Cleavon Little, Vincent Gardenia, Richie Havens and Julian Bond. It was directed by Michael Schultz and produced by Hannah Weinstein, with screenplay by Kenneth Vose & Lawrence Dukakos, Melvin Van Peebles and Leon Caperton.



Richard Pryor and Beau Bridges



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NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), in an ongoing effort to update and expand its Consultant Information System, is seeking an individual of interest from professional engineering, planning and consulting firms for future transportation projects. Types of services may include, but are not limited to: Highway Engineering, Structural Design, Transportation Planning (all modes), Transportation Management Systems, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), Construction Engineering and Inspection, Bridge Inspection, Environmental Studies, Geotechnical Design, Landscape Architecture, Traffic Engineering, Aerial and Topographic Surveys and Mapping, Research and Development or Right of Way Appraising. The names of firms contacted in the Consultant Information System, listed by specialties, are made available to appropriate managers throughout the NJDOT when selections of consultant services are being considered.

ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES

In the previously advertised request for proposals for professional audit services, QUALIFICATION #3 was listed as "Must be approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development." For clarification purposes, "approval" is defined as the individual and/or firm may not be included on the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's Disbarred List.

SEE 32.50

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 11:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 18 VAN DYKE AVENUE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.

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over \$400,000.00	5% of Bid

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Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

By Order of John Clarke
Acting Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is accepting Proposals for a Valuation and Inventory of the Authority's Fixed Assets. All interested parties should contact Ruth O. Gross, PHM, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the City of Salem, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, NJ 08079 or call (609) 935-5022 for more information. All proposals are due on Thursday, October 16, 1997 at 12:00 P.M.

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Local Briefs

Elizabeth NAACP Holds Annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet

The Reverend Dr. Joseph Lowery will be the keynote speaker when the Elizabeth branch of the NAACP held their annual Freedom Fund and Awards Banquet on November 14, starting at 7 p.m. at the Marriott Newark Airport Hotel.

Dr. Lowery, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), recently retired from the position after 20 years. He co-founded SCLC with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other clergymen over 40 years ago.

A volunteer is needed to provide baby sitting service

FREELBOLD—A volunteer is needed to provide baby sitting service to a small group of children while their mothers attend Parent Anonymous, a support group that meets every Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Monmouth County Human Services Building on Koszloski Road in Freehold Township.

The volunteer will receive a weekly stipend of \$15 and be one member of a two-person team of child care providers. To volunteer, or for more information, contact Dee Sines, at 609 431-6178.

Carballo seeks increases car insurance access in urban areas

NEWARK—Assemblyman Wilfredo Canaballo will team up with advocates representing New Jersey urban auto insurance agents recently calling for change to correct inequalities that prevent urban residents from acquiring insurance coverage.

A 1990 law requires that car insurance companies in the state "take all corners," providing insurance coverage to any driver who seek coverage, regardless of where they live or work. Over the past three years, insurance companies have persistently circumvented this requirement by firing agents who do business in urban districts, making it difficult for urban drivers to get policies.

ECC is "Never Too Early"

NEWARK—With funding from a state Commission on Higher Education incentive grant in place, Essex County College (ECC) has launched a program designed to improve graduation and transfer rates for minority or low-income students.

Dubbed The Never Too Early Project, the \$98,700 one-year grant will allow ECC to hire and train six student support specialists to provide monitoring and support services to designated students at the Newark and West Caldwell campuses, said Director of Grants Irene L. James.

"There are a number of reasons why students don't continue their education, ranging from a lack of money for books to various personal problems," said James. "If these students are not connected to a support system, they become the first to drop out. But by providing the necessary support, we can help to address these problems before it's too late," she said.

Public and private entities start revitalization of Weequahic Park

Inaugural golf tournament to raise funds for urban park

NEWARK—Support for the restoration of Essex County's second largest park has rallied around the First Annual Golf Tournament held recently at Weequahic Park's 18-hole golf course. Major corporate sponsors, led by Continental Airlines, joined forces with Essex County and the City of Newark to raise funds to benefit the Weequahic Park Association, Inc. (WPA) an organization dedicated to restoring the park to its former splendor.

According to Wilbur I. McNeil, president of WPA, "We have the full support and cooperation of the City of Newark and Essex County in launching this initial golf effort. We are also grateful for the generosity of all our sponsors who recognize the vital role a well-maintained park plays in the lives of the residents and the redevelopment of the City itself."

Recent improvements to the Golf Course made by County government

total \$1.5 million and include major renovations to the clubhouse, golf tee improvements and a new irrigation system. Essex County Executive James Treflinger views the park's restoration as a top priority. "We applaud the Weequahic Park Association for their commitment to revitalize the Park. The unique and successful partnership between County government and this organization will help preserve this recreational resource for future generations," said Treflinger.

Located on the south end of Newark, Weequahic Park is part of the nation's oldest county park system. It became a public park in 1897. During the 1960s, sources of funding were drastically cut resulting in reduced services and a once splendid park falling into disrepair.

The Weequahic Park Association (WPA), a grass roots organization of park users, was formed in 1992 to respond to this critical situation. In 1995, the WPA formally entered into an historic Partnership Agreement with Essex County government that gave the non-profit civic group the right to raise funds to help restore and maintain the park.



Celebrating the success of the Weequahic Park Golf Tournament at the Park's golf course end, from left, Donald Bradley, president of the Newark City Council; David Barger, vice president of Continental Airlines at Newark; Wilbur McNeil, president of the Weequahic Park Association; and Jim Treflinger, Essex County Executive.

Working closely in cooperation with the Essex County Parks

department, WPA estimates the comprehensive restoration of the Park will cost more than \$400 million to be completed over five years.

The return of 'Going Back Home'

Bernice Wilmore, Executive Producer of Wilmore & Company, and the Senior Class of Plainfield High School have teamed up to present the return of the Gospel Musical *Going Back Home*. Wilmore & Company presented two performances of the production at Plainfield High School earlier this year and drew a crowd of over 1,800. This inspired Wilmore to offer the class of '98 co-sponsorship for this event.

The Plainfield performances will mark the conclusion of the show's pre-Off-Broadway engagements before opening at the Victoria 5 theater in New York City. New York presentations of the production also included the Paul Robeson Theatre, Riverside Church, and the Lamb. Theatre.

Going Back Home attracted media attention when Desi Arnaz

pleasingly surprised at the professional quality of the show.

Wilmore, who is also the author of *Going Back Home*, has not changed the essence of this modern day pro-



Bernice Wilmore

trayal of the Biblical story, "The Prodigal Son." The musical play chronicles the journey of David Lee Wilson, who leaves his country home in Alabama, in search of a more exciting life in New York City.

Co-producing the show with the class of '98 restores the expanded vision of Wilmore & Company to create win-win partnerships with the community it serves. "Working with Plainfield High enables the senior class to raise funds for graduation activities, and for the my company to take the production back to Off Broadway," she said. "We want to make this a successful community event for a lot of people."

Performances ticket prices are: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door; \$15 group rate; \$10 children under 12.



Francine Findley

Giles, while rehearsing the role of the Devil in the show, was cast in another production as the first "Black Jesus" in the long running Passion Play. High school audience members filled the seats at Plainfield High School in March, excited to see "Dex," and

AT&T Learning Network expands Cyberspace benefits to NJ schools

AT&T recently announced that every New Jersey public school can now use the Information Superhighway to enrich connections among educators, students and parents thanks to a multi-million dollar expansion of AT&T's support for education in its home state.

The program's new initiatives for New Jersey build upon the company's \$150 million national commitment, called the AT&T Learning Network(R), which has been helping to connect America's schools to the Information Superhighway. Fulfilling New Jersey's goal of becoming a national leader in the use of classroom technology, additional elements in this project include:

• a partnership with the Family Education Company to bring free local education-based Internet websites to all New Jersey communities through the nationally-recognized Family Education Network.

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stolen credit cards while doing Christmas shopping at the store in Short Hills Mall. Another lawsuit was filed against Bloomingdale's on behalf of a twenty-year-old African-American male who was assaulted by store security in 1995.

In this action, it is alleged that, when Rashawn Carter and his 12-year-old brother were shopping in the Bloomingdale's store at the Short Hills Mall, they were approached after he attempted to return merchandise with a receipt.

Security tape of this incident shows that two white security officers approached Carter, who was neither attempting to leave the store nor conceal merchandise. One of the security guards can be seen reaching for his handcuffs approximately six seconds after he approached Carter.

A struggle between Carter and security followed where his head was smashed into a nearby hard table surface, causing a large gash on his face, and racial epithets were used by the guards.

A third guard joined the melee, who sat on Carter's back while he was forced to the ground.

Local police were called who removed the handcuffs store security placed on Carter. He was then transported by ambulance to St. Barnabas Hospital for treatment of his injuries, included stitches to the laceration on his face.

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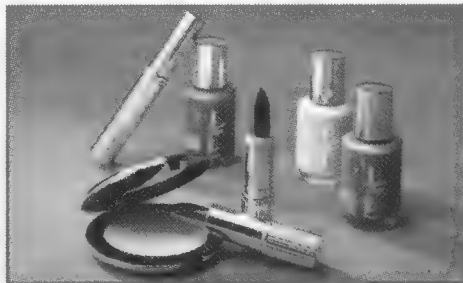


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AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ON TOUR

The Mobil 1998 African American Women on Tour conference series proudly presents its foremost national Black women's empowerment conference next year. Best-selling author Iyanla Vanzant and the legendary vocalists Gladys Knight are among the speakers slated for the tour series.

This three-day conference attracts more than 5,000 women annually, offering the opportunity to network, exchange information and address concerns common to Black women. Highlights include keynote presentations, empowerment workshops, the Village Marketplace, forums on preventive health care and domestic violence, and the popular girls, boys and young women's rites of passage programs.

"AAWOT is the place where Black women come to heal, cry, learn and fellowship," states executive producer Maria Dowd. When asked what inspired Maria to start African American Women on Tour, she responds, "God created each of us with a calling, a talent, a gift. I believe our role is to provide a forum to assist women come to discover their life's vocations, release their fears and take action to uplift their lives."

Mobil Oil Corporation enhanced its partnership with AAWOT in only its second year as a sponsor. "The empowerment of Black women is the greatest common denominator uniting Mobil Oil with the 1998 African American Women on Tour series," says Anthony P. Smith, manager of diversity marketing.

AAWOT offers several conference packages to fit the budgets and busy schedules of its attendees. The full package includes workshops, keynote meal functions, receptions, entertainment and the marketplace. For more information, contact AAWOT toll free at 619-560-AAWT (2298).



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Choosing a relaxer for your daughters' hair can be quite challenging. The first step is to determine the texture of her hair. Many people make the mistake of applying relaxer systems designed for adults on the delicate hair of a child, when there are several relaxers on the market designed specifically for little girls.

Children's relaxer systems are generally lye-free. Studies show lye to be harmful to delicate hair; therefore, choosing a no-lye relaxer is usually a wise decision.

An enormous number of little girls have very thick and coarse hair. For coarse hair, adult relaxers are no longer the only answer. PRO-LINE, the makers of the number one selling children's relaxer, Just For Me!, recently introduced a children's relaxer system designed for coarse hair. The new Just For Me Coarse gently provides greater straightening for difficult-to-relax hair. For added conditioning, Just For Me Coarse contains hair moisturizing complex and aloe vera. Once you have determined which relaxer is best for your daughters' hair it's time to apply the chemicals.

As with all chemicals, following directions is very important. To make the application process easier, manufacturers usually include an instruction sheet. Just For Me and Just For Me Coarse use color-coded chemicals and contain an easy-to-read instruction sheet, as well as a step-by-step audio cassette to walk parents through applying the relaxer.

Hair experts have done the research for you. As a result, there are tons of relaxers on the market that address the needs of all hair textures. So, read the labels and choose the relaxer that's best for your little girl.

by: Starlene Stringer

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Follow Your Mother's Orders... Get Healthy Hair

An apple a day keeps dandruff away - well, not exactly. "Overall health affects the glands, muscles and tissue formulation of the scalp," according to Dr. Raymond Blackburn; which means if your hair seems dry and unhealthy, there is a good chance it has a lot to do with your diet and/or health.

Most doctors recommend that an adult digest five servings of fruits and vegetables per day; yet, studies show many grown-ups never consume the ideal amount. A large number of adults purchase vitamins and herbs in an effort to gain the nutrients they may be lacking, but if taken improperly, vitamins and herbs, like over-the-counter and prescription drugs, could be more harmful than helpful. According to Dr. Blackburn, prescribed medications do have an effect on the condition of your scalp.

We've all heard that drinking water is very important for the body. Drinking your eight glasses a day is also important for maintaining healthy hair. "Too little water causes dryness and dandruff," says Dr. Blackburn.

It is also important to wash and condition the hair and scalp regularly, especially after recovering from an illness. Just as you wash your hands to remove germs, you should also wash your hair. There are

various types of hair textures and your particular type will determine how often you should wash your hair. Rinsing the hair and then conditioning is safer than shampooing too often and stripping the hair of its needed oils.

Healthy scalps promote healthy hair. "Hair is a product made from amino acids. The scalp skin manufactures the hair. If the machinery is not in good working order the hair won't be the best," Dr. Blackburn told us.

You probably know your body is a machine. Now you know your hair is too. So just as you condition your body, condition your hair as well. Many hair conditioners on the market, like PRO-LINE's Perm Repair VITA-PHLEX, are leave-in conditioners designed to give continuous conditioning to damaged hair. When you're feeling down, you're probably not up to washing your hair and if you have a cold, you shouldn't wash your hair, especially if you let it air dry. If your hair needs conditioning during those times, try a moisturizer. The peach-scented Soft & Beautiful Creme Moisturizer is a favorite amongst consumers.

Speaking of peaches, when is the last time you had one? Obtaining healthy hair may be as simple as following your mother's orders... eat your fruits and vegetables.

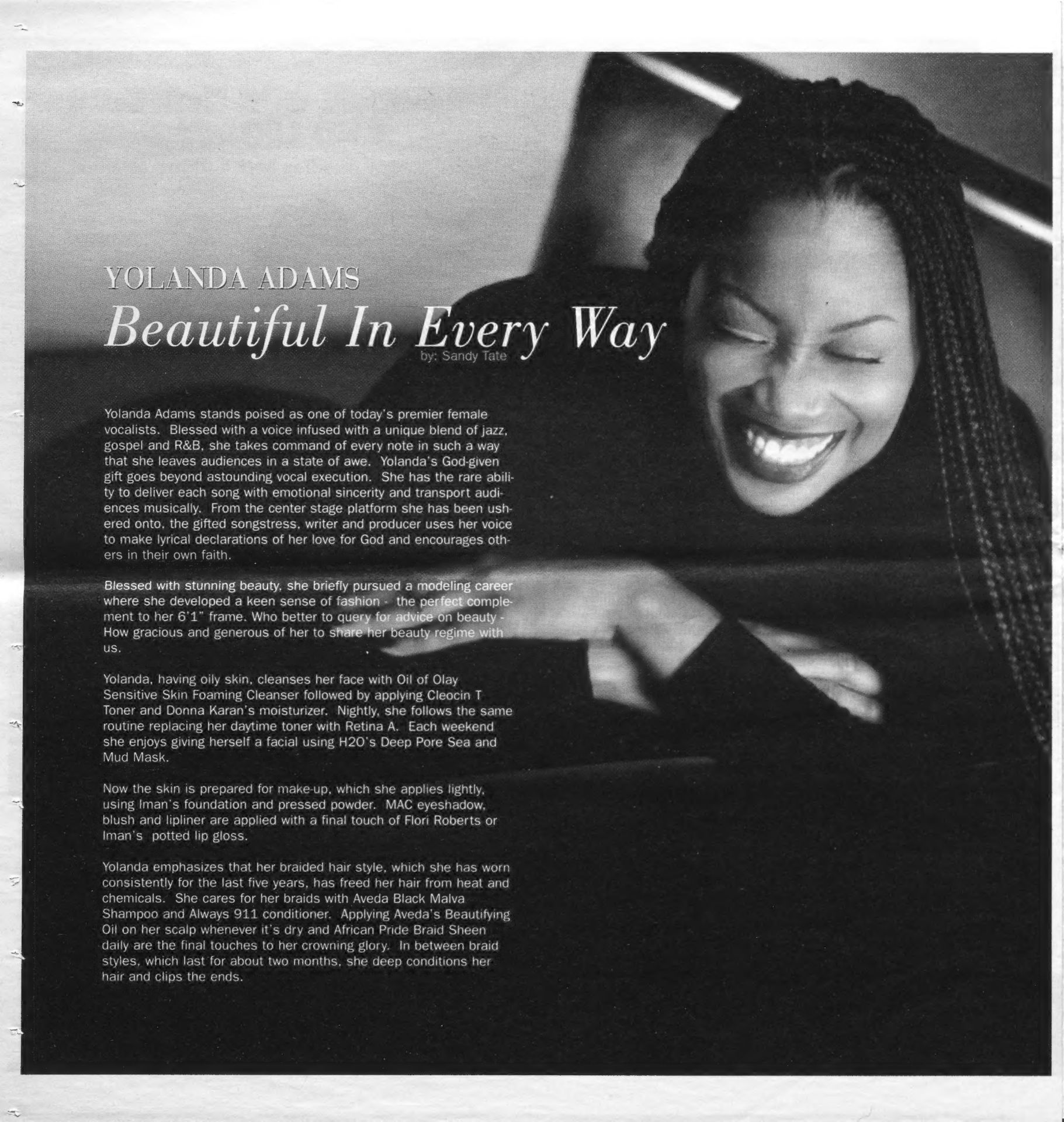
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A black and white photograph showing Nelson Mandela in the foreground, wearing a patterned traditional African garment, speaking at a podium. Behind him, another man in a suit and glasses is partially visible, also looking towards the camera. The background is a simple, light-colored wall.

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Yolanda Adams stands poised as one of today's premier female vocalists. Blessed with a voice infused with a unique blend of jazz, gospel and R&B, she takes command of every note in such a way that she leaves audiences in a state of awe. Yolanda's God-given gift goes beyond astounding vocal execution. She has the rare ability to deliver each song with emotional sincerity and transport audiences musically. From the center stage platform she has been ushered onto, the gifted songstress, writer and producer uses her voice to make lyrical declarations of her love for God and encourages others in their own faith.

Blessed with stunning beauty, she briefly pursued a modeling career where she developed a keen sense of fashion - the perfect complement to her 6'1" frame. Who better to query for advice on beauty - How gracious and generous of her to share her beauty regime with us.

Yolanda, having oily skin, cleanses her face with Oil of Olay Sensitive Skin Foaming Cleanser followed by applying Cleocin T Toner and Donna Karan's moisturizer. Nightly, she follows the same routine replacing her daytime toner with Retina A. Each weekend, she enjoys giving herself a facial using H2O's Deep Pore Sea and Mud Mask.

Now the skin is prepared for make-up, which she applies lightly, using Iman's foundation and pressed powder. MAC eyeshadow, blush and lipliner are applied with a final touch of Flori Roberts or Iman's potted lip gloss.

Yolanda emphasizes that her braided hair style, which she has worn consistently for the last five years, has freed her hair from heat and chemicals. She cares for her braids with Aveda Black Malva Shampoo and Always 911 conditioner. Applying Aveda's Beautifying Oil on her scalp whenever it's dry and African Pride Braid Sheen daily are the final touches to her crowning glory. In between braid styles, which last for about two months, she deep conditions her hair and clips the ends.

As for exercise, the men in her life are extremely supportive and I might add - pro-active with this essential component to any beauty regime. She and her husband do a two-mile run on alternating days. Her brother assists with strength training, upper-body workouts on one day and lower-body the next (It's important to rest the muscles for 24 hours). Stomach crunches are done daily to strengthen and flatten the upper and lower abdominal areas and the obliques.

Her approach to food is quite sensible and easy to follow; she watches her fat and caloric intake, eats plenty of fruits and vegetables and drinks plenty of water. The remainder of her diet is comprised of beans, chicken, fish and pasta. Prior to her wedding (June 12, 1997) she eliminated her intake of dairy products, which meant she had to give up her favorite food - pizza. Calcium-rich orange juice was the perfect replacement for milk which was a prior source of calcium and protein.

Of paramount importance to Yolanda is the continual development of her relationship with God. She makes the time daily to study the Word of God. Devoting 2-3 hours each day is the norm but when her schedule is busy she reads the Word of God for at least 20 minutes before retiring. A prayer is a must for every day, for without it she strongly believes that she would not have made it so far.

Next on the agenda - Yolanda will perform solo and also blend her musical charms with Kenny Lattimore at the upcoming Holiday Gospel Music Event on October 11, 1997, at the Great Western Forum in Inglewood, CA. The Holiday Gospel Music Event, produced by Frank Badami of Badami Productions, is being billed as non-stop, wall-to-wall music, an opera of lyrics and a symphony of gospel music. HGME will air in syndication nationally in November and December this year; check your local listings. Tickets for the live concert can be purchased at Ticketmaster and the Great Western Forum. Don't miss this lovely lady - your senses of sight and sound will be delighted by her beauty, spirit and talent.

B. Smith

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Webster's dictionary defines style as a manner of saying, writing or performing; individuality that is reflected in a person's action and taste; an elegant mode of life or excellence in appearance or performance... no where does it identify money or material possessions as criterias for style. There are myriad books, magazines and television shows that bombard us with the lifestyles of the rich and famous, and upon occasion - the infamous. With so many choices, it's astounding that none approach the essence of our everyday lives. This is no longer the case....

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